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Area, Volume, and Perimeter

For more area and volume formulas visit Wikipedia.





Quadratic Formula

Solving for x Using the Quadratic Formula

In the quadratic equation in the form shown to the left (second order polynomial), x can be found by using the quadratic formula.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

when
$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Lines

Where the coordinates of Point 1 are given as (x_1, y_1) and the

coordinates of point 2 are (x_2, y_2)

Distance Between 2 Points

When given the x and y coordinates of 2 points, the distance can be calculated with the formula below.

$$d = \sqrt{\left(x_{2}^{2} - x_{1}^{2}\right)^{2} + \left(y_{2}^{2} - y_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}}$$

Midpoint of 2 Points

The midpoint is the point half way between two given points. When given the x and y coordinates of 2 points, the midpoint can be calculated with the formula below.

Midpoint =
$$(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2})$$

Slope of a Line

The slope of a line is the change in "y" compared to the change in "x". Colloquially, it is known as "rise over run".

$$Midpoint = (-1, 0)$$

$$-5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0$$

$$-2 Distance =$$

$$-3 -\sqrt{(-5 + 3)^2 + (-3 + 3)^2}$$

$$= 8$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$Slope = m = \left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}\right)$$

Equations of a Line

Slope Intercept Form

The equation of your line can be written in slope intercept form if you know the slope of your line (m) and the y intercept (b).

$$y = mx + b$$

Ex. y= 2x-2

Point Slope Form

The equation of your line can be written in slope intercept form if you know the slope of your line (m) and a point (x1,y1)

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

Ex. y-2 = 2(x-2)



Trigonometry

The sine of an angle is calculated by taking the length of the opposite side divided by the length of the hypotenuse.

$$sin\theta = \frac{Opposite}{Hypotenuse}$$

The cosine of an angle is calculated by taking the length of the adjacent side divided by the length of the hypotenuse.

$$cos\theta = \frac{Adjacent}{Hypotenuse}$$

The tangent of an angle is calculated by taking the length of the adjacent side divided by the length of the adjacent side.

$$tan\theta = \frac{Opposite}{Adjacent}$$

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